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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: UNTSO PERSONNEL

REF: USUN 4244

1. AMB. LEONARD APPROACHED UNDER SECRETARY URQUHART
LATE NOVEMBER 1 ON ISSUE OF TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF UNTSO
PERSONNEL TO VERIFICATION TEAMS. LEONARD EXPLAINED THAT
WE HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE AND NOW BELIEVE UNTSO OBSERVERS
SHOULD RETAIN THEIR UNTSO STATUS WHILE ON THIS SPECIAL
DETAIL. URQUHART AGREED, OBSERVING WRYLY THAT WHILE SUCH
ARRANGEMENT IS PROBABLY ILLEGAL AND MAY EXCEED THE MANDATE
OF UNTSO, IF UNTSO OBSERVERS WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE
VERIFICATION EFFORT THEN THE UN WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO
TOLERATE ANY COMPLAINTS.

2. URQUHART SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCENARIO
IS THAT A REQUEST WOULD BE FORWARDED FROM THE LEBANESE

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GOVERNMENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL ASKING THAT THE
RESOURCES OF ILMAC BE PUT AT GOL DISPOSAL. THIS WOULD
BE PART OF THE ILMAC -GOOD OFFICES" FUNCTION. URQUHART
NOTED THAT THE UN WOULD BE PREPARED TO START ACTIVITIES
AS SOON AS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF AN ORAL
COMMUNICATION FROM FM BOUTROS TO AMB. PARKER THROUGH
THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN TO THE UN SECRETARIAT. BUT A

FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE GOL IN WRITING WOULD BE NEEDED AS WELL. URQUHART AGAIN NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND GEN. SIILASVUO HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN INFORMED. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BRIEF THEM BEFORE ANY ACTION OCCURS.

3. IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF, URQUHART RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SYG'S SENDING A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO INFORM THE COUNCIL OF THIS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH ILMAC. MISOFF QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS WAS NECESSARY ON GROUNDS THAT "GOOD OFFICES" ROLE OF ILMAC WAS BROAD ENOUGH TO ENCOMPASS THIS EXCEPTIONAL DUTY OF UNMO'S. URQUHART SAID THE LETTER POSSIBILITY WAS A THOUGHT IN PASSING. HE WOULD NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO DISRUPT THE VERIFICATION PROCESS AND A LETTER IF SENT AT ALL COULD COME AFTER THE EVENT.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, URQUHART CALLED US TO CONFIRM THAT ALL WAS IN ORDER FROM UN VIEWPOINT. SECRETARY GENERAL WAS SUPPORTIVE IN ALL RESPECTS. HE DID, HOWEVER, REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE TO THE UN OF RECEIVING A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON. URQUHART ADDED THAT THE SYG DID NOT RPT NOT THINK A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE NECESSARY. AT LEAST NOT FOR THE TIME BEING; IF THERE ARE COMPLAINTS, THEN THE
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SYG'S OFFICE COULD PREPARE A LETTER.
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